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Sarvajanik Telephones

1214. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications received for Sarvajanik Telephones at village Bijnora, Post Khas, District Jyotiba Phule Nagar (Amroha), U.P. in February, 2001;
- (b) whether all of them have been provided with connection;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) what are the reasons that Local TDM favoured some persons of the same village, by passing others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Only one application was received for Sarvajanik telephones at Village Bijnora, Post Khas, District Jyotiba Phule Nagar (Amroha), U.P. in February, 2001.

- (b) Yes , Madam.
- (c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Status of post offices in Jharkhand

1215. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the status of Post Offices in Jharkhand;
- (b) whether all the villages in the State have Post Office facilities;
- (c) if not, how many villages in the State do not have any type of Post Office facilities, district-wise ; and
- (d) the steps, if any contemplated by Government for augmenting postal services facilities in the State to cover cent per cent villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Network of Post Offices in Jharkhand State is as follows:

Category of Post Offices	Number of Post Offices
Head Post Offices	13
Sub Post Offices	431
Extra Departmental Sub Offices	28
Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices	2571
TOTAL:	3043

(b) to (d) The facilities of collection, transmission & delivery of mails are provided in all the villages in the State.

Telephone facility in Jharkhand

1216. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages in the State of Jharkhand have since been provided with telephone facility;

(b) if not, how many villages are without telephone facility in the State, district-wise; and

(c) the time-frame, if any, set up by Government for providing telephone facility in each village of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In Jharkhand State 20973 inhabited revenue villages are still without telecom facility as on 1.11.2001. District-wise details are given in the enclosed statement (see below)

(c) Remaining villages in the Jharkhand State are planned to be provided with telecom facility by December, 2002 subject to availability of funds and equipment.

Statement

Villages without telephone facility as on 1.11.2001 in Jharkhand State

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of villages without VPT facility
1.	Bokaro	175
2.	Dhanbad	330
3.	Dumka	2405
4.	Pakur	1037
5.	Jamtara	949
6.	Godda	1451
7.	Sahibganj	1069
8.	Deoghar	1963
9.	Chatra	1467